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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed March 27, 2006 for which the shortened–statutory period for response plus a one month extension for time is set to expire July 27, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.